

# THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL!

2010 History of Christianity and  
Western Civilization European  
Faith & Freedom Tour





## JOIN ME ON A GREAT FAMILY ADVENTURE

# Rome, Pompeii, Geneva, Versailles, Paris, London, York, Edinburgh, and Much More!



On behalf of Vision Forum Ministries and the Phillips family, it is my pleasure to invite you to join me on what I believe may be one of the greatest adventures of our lifetime—a two-thousand-year journey through the history of Christianity and Western Civilization.

Over the course of fourteen days, we will travel to five separate countries, sample

some of the great cuisines of Europe, grow close as families and friends and immerse ourselves in an enthusiastic, hands-on study of God's providential history.

Our message is simple: God has orchestrated and providentially directed the last two thousand years of earth history to demonstrate His glory, to hearten his Bride, to prepare future leaders of

Christian warriors, and to demonstrate that the very gates of Hell will not prevail against the Church.

There is simply nothing like the Vision Forum Ministries 2010 History of Christianity and Western Civilization Faith & Freedom Tour. It's a vacation and a Ph.D. course in Church history for the family all wrapped up into one spectacular adventure!



### GENEVA

*Enjoy a Beautiful Boat Tour on Lake Geneva*



### POMPEII

*Rhoncus tempor placeral.*



## OUR FACULTY OF HISTORIANS



I am privileged to have two of my longtime friends—and two of America's finest historians—as fellow interpreters with my on our great journey through Europe's past: William Potter and Dr. Joseph Morecraft III.

Bill Potter and I have been close friends for nearly 25 years and have been leading Faith & Freedom Tours together for well over a decade to the great graveyards, settlements, churches, and battlefields of the Old Dominion, Historic Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, as well as to the key battlefields, kirks, castles, and lochs of Scotland. In my opinion, Bill is the single most capable teacher of military

history from a proper theological and practical perspective and is one of the best generalists on American and world history who interprets the past through a providential lens. An experienced researcher and writer, Bill possesses a practical knowledge of antiquarian books, documents, and artifacts and has published several short books and has penned many articles and book reviews for publication. As a father of eight children, he appreciates the necessity of passing on to the succeeding generations the richness of our past. Bill currently serves as the Historian and Curator of The Circa History Guild, located in the Atlanta,

# FIVE COUNTRIES, FOURTEEN DAYS



Georgia area, where he and his wife, Leslie, make their home.

I have been honored to know Dr. Joe Morecraft since I was seventeen years old, and in my view, he is the single greatest historian on the Reformation today because of how he passionately brings to life the key people and events of this period as well as the practical lessons that the church must learn from them today. Dr. Joe is a walking encyclopedia of theology and history, and his published works include two books: *How*

*God Wants Us to Worship Him: A Defense of the Bible as the Only Standard for Modern Worship*, and *With Liberty and Justice for All: Christian Politics Made Simple*, as well as his just-completed multi-volume work entitled, *Authentic Christianity: An Exposition of the Theology and Ethics of the Westminster Larger Catechism*, which, in my view, is a singular theological work that every Christian family should add to their library. Dr. Joe contributed four chapters to Vision Forum's book, *John Calvin: Man of the Millennium*, and he has pastored Chalcedon Presbyterian Church of Dunwoody, Georgia, since 1974. He and his lovely wife, Becky, along with their youngest daughter, Mercy, make their home in nearby Canton, Georgia.

Persevero,  
Doug Phillips

President, Vision Forum Ministries



# THE “CLIFFNOTES” VERSION – MAY 2-16



## THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL!

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European Faith & Freedom Tour

**02, SUNDAY** – Welcome to Rome! Transfer on your own to the hotel where we are waiting to assist you to check in for a four-night stay. Our tour officially opens with an evening banquet.

**03, MONDAY** – Sightseeing by motor coach and on foot. Sights include the Forum and the Arch of Titus, the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine, Palatine Hill, the Basilica di San Clemente, and the Circus Maximus. Evening is at leisure.

**04, TUESDAY** – Sightseeing by motor coach and foot. Sights include the Pantheon, the Roman Walls, the Appian Way and one of the

catacombs. Evening at leisure.

**05, WEDNESDAY** – Motor coach excursion to Pompeii for a walking tour of the Città Morta. Return to Rome for an evening at leisure.

**06, THURSDAY** – Transfer by motor coach to the rail station. Travel by train from Rome via Milan to Geneva. Transfer by motor coach to the hotel to check in for a two-night stay. Evening at leisure.

**07, FRIDAY** – Morning walking tour in Geneva’s old town. Sights include St. Peter’s Cathedral and the Reformation Monument. The afternoon is at leisure.

This evening we’ll enjoy a cruise on Lake Geneva, complete with a traditional Swiss cheese fondue.

**08, SATURDAY** – Transfer to the rail station. Travel by train from Geneva to Paris. Transfer by motor coach to Versailles to visit the château. Audioguides will be provided for those who would like to have them. Then transfer by motor coach to the hotel in Paris to check in for a two-night stay. Evening at leisure. Optional evening tour of the City of Lights.

# THE “CLIFF NOTES” VERSION – MAY 2-16

**09, SUNDAY** – Motor coach excursion to Noyon. If possible, Vision Forum will arrange for a worship service. A walking tour will follow. Return to Paris in the late afternoon. Dinner at the Café du Commerce is followed by a cruise on the Seine.

**10, MONDAY** – Transfer by motor coach to the rail station. Travel by train from Paris to London. The balance of the morning and the afternoon will be spent sightseeing on foot and by motor coach. Sights include the British Museum, the British Library, Bunhill Cemetery, and the Metropolitan Tabernacle. Then continue to the hotel

to check in for an overnight stay. Evening at leisure.

**11, TUESDAY** – Traveling northward by motor coach, we will visit Tattershall Castle and Grimsthorpe Castle and have free time in Scrooby and Boston. Then continue to York to check in at the hotel for an overnight stay. Evening at leisure.

**12, WEDNESDAY** – Morning at leisure in York. Afternoon travel by motor coach from York to Edinburgh. Check in at the hotel for a four-night stay. Evening at leisure.

**13, THURSDAY** – Sightseeing on foot and by motor coach. Sights include

Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile, John Knox House, and St. Giles’ Cathedral. Evening at leisure.

**14, FRIDAY** – Motor coach excursion to Stirling includes a stop at the Bannockburn Heritage Centre and a visit to Stirling Castle. Return to Edinburgh for a free evening.

**15, SATURDAY** – Full day of sightseeing in or near Edinburgh; sights included to be determined. Closing banquet at the hotel.

**16, SUNDAY** – The tour concludes after breakfast at the hotel. Those who remain can attend a special Sabbath worship service.



# ROME

DAY 1  
MAY 2, 2010

## It Begins With a Celebration

Welcome to the city of Caesars and Apostles, of tyrants and martyrs, pontiffs and prophets —welcome to Rome, one of the formative cities in the battle for Western Civilization.

For the better part of two millennia, Rome will influence the destinies of billions of people, will shape nation-building, influence warfare, spread distinctive and highly influential visions of art and architecture, define language, impact monetary systems, advance technology, generate theological controversies, and much more.

And as we begin our journey through two thousand years of Christianity and Western Civilization, we will chronicle the Hebraic heritage leading to the captivity of the Jews under Rome, the Fall of the Roman Republic, the Rise of its Empire, and the unique providential



allowance of the laws, religion, military, technology, and culture of Rome to serve as the incubator and disseminator of Christianity.

Prepare for a historical experience that will allow you to understand the amazing and providentially directed battle plan used of the Lord to protect the Church of Jesus Christ for two thousand years against the very gates of Hell.

But first, enjoy a rousing celebration as we feast together and delight in the hospitality of the Rome as we enjoy our opening evening banquet, Italian style. It will be an intimate time of great fellowship for the friends and family with us. We will top the evening off with a rousing overview presentation of the historical issues, providences, sights and sounds that will be part of the great adventure ahead of us.





# ROME



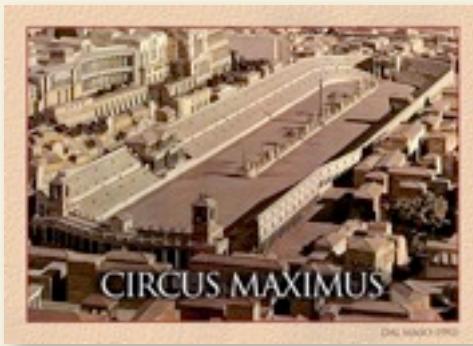
## The Playground of the Caesars

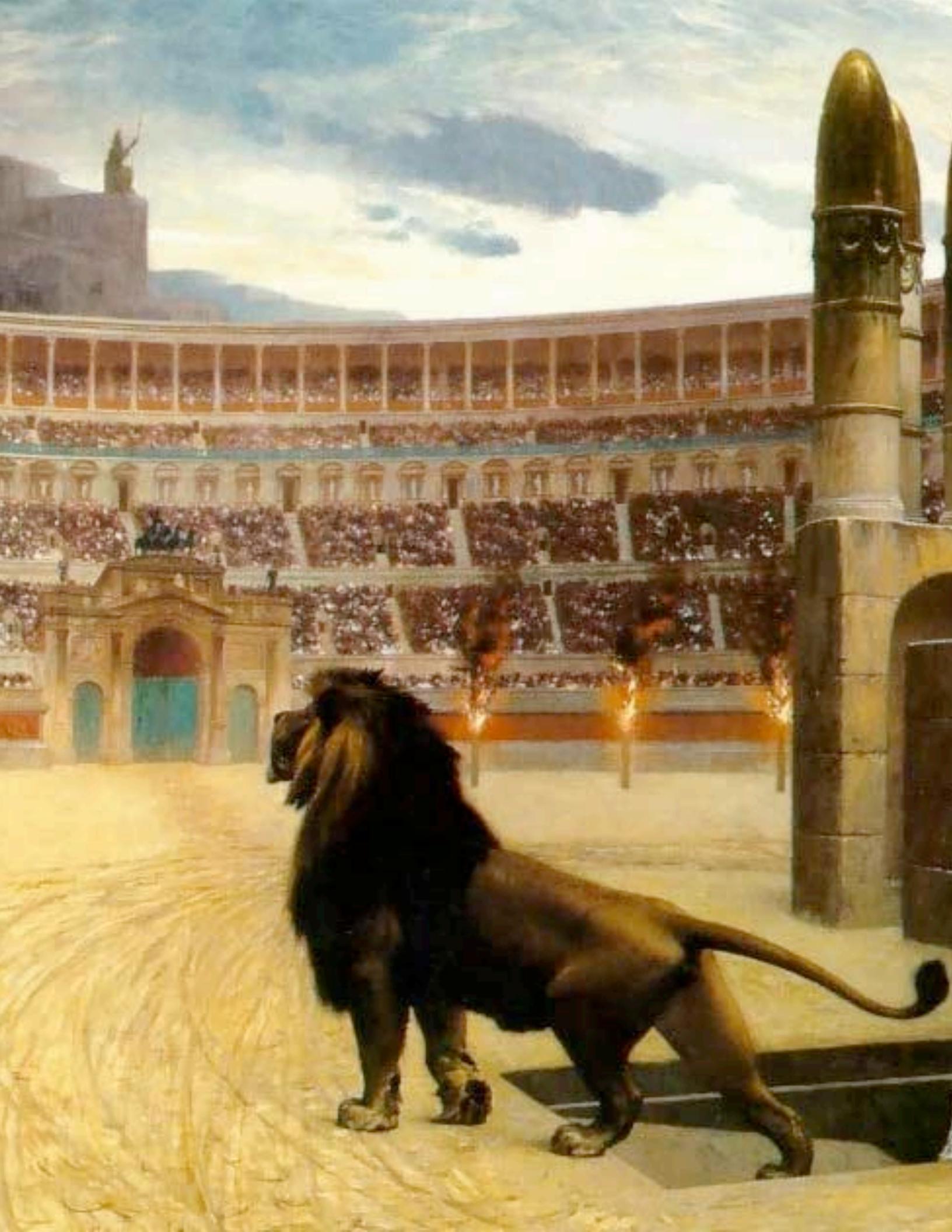


Here Caesars played and early Christians laid the foundation for the most far-reaching Great Commission expansion in the history of the Church. We will travel by motor coach and on foot to see some of the most significant sites in all of Western culture. In the massive Coliseum, we will study the impact of the Roman games, the rise of the gladiator and the martyrdom of Christians before the lions. We will stand in the Circus Maximus, the

true location of the great chariot races once popularized by the film *Ben Hur*.

We will learn about the architecture, art, and politics of both the Roman Republic and Empire as we survey the once glorious Forum, and learn God's providential history involved in the Arch of Titus, the Arch of Constantine, Palatine Hill, the Basilica di San Clemente, and more. Evening is at your leisure.





# ROME



DAY 3  
MAY 4, 2010

## The Catacombs, Pantheon, & Appian Way



Having toured the heart of the ancient Roman government and cultural centers in the interior of the city, today we will tour the catacombs where many early Christians survived great persecution, but still others did not. We will be reminded that “the blood of the martyrs [became] the seed of the church,” and we will consider strategies that modern Christians can learn for times of adversity from these early believers.

Today, we also visit the great Pantheon. Originally a temple for all pagan gods, the Pantheon was converted into a church in A.D. 609. It now contains the tombs of the famous artist Raphael and several Italian Kings. Next, we will visit the Roman walls and the Appian Way, the strategic launching pad for Roman expansion and a providential tool for the spread of the Gospel. In 71 A.D. the Appian Way was the location for the crucifixion of 6,000 Roman slaves under the command of Spartacus. Evening at leisure.



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# POMPEII

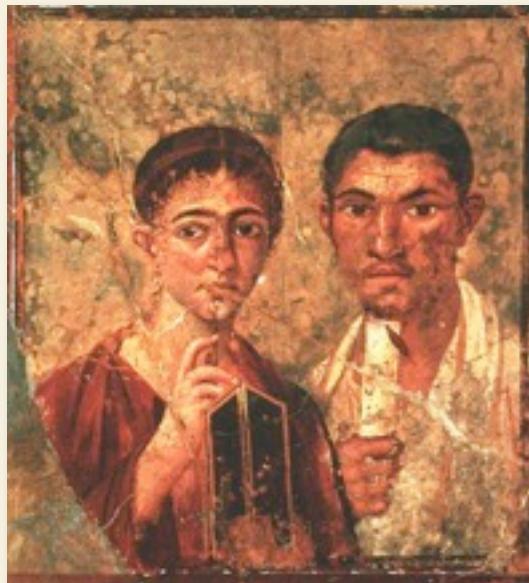
DAY 4  
MAY 5, 2010

## The Face of Judgment

A lot happened in the first century A.D. The Church was birthed, the Canon of Scripture completed, the Temple of Jerusalem was destroyed, the great persecutions began, and the city of Pompeii became a showcase for the comprehensive judgment of God through a cataclysmic earthquake so powerful that its effects were virtually instantaneous.

Today we travel to Pompeii—a Roman city given over to opulence, perversion, and excess—which was utterly destroyed when Mount Vesuvius blew in 79 A.D. Pompeii was buried under twenty meters of ash and pumice, and it was lost for nearly 1,700 years before its rediscovery in 1748.

No other excavation in the world shows so clearly what it looks like for a city to be judged and destroyed. The remarkable excavation is like a snapshot of life frozen in time, just before the catastrophe.





# ROME/GENEVA

DAY 5  
MAY 6, 2010

## An Exhilarating Train Ride through History



Day Five is special. Prepare to enjoy the quintessential European adventure experience—Vision Forum style. Voyage by train from Rome, by the Swiss Alps, to beautiful Geneva, land of the Reformation and one-time home of John Calvin.

During our relaxing train ride you will have an opportunity to see the European countryside in style. As we travel, our historians will trace the stories of the growth and development of Christendom through the battles, heroes, and villains of the Post-Roman era. As we travel by train past key historical locations, we will note the stories and theological controversies that helped to define each epoch in history, the great trends in architecture and art, and the cultural influences that built Western Civilization. Take special note as we pass near the land of the Waldenses, those early Reformers who paved the way for Luther and Calvin.





# GENEVA

DAY 6  
MAY 7, 2010

## Where John Calvin Changed the World

It is a great privilege to arrive in Geneva just before the conclusion of the 500th anniversary year of John Calvin's birth. Calvin has correctly been called "the true founding father of America," but most Christians are largely ignorant or misinformed today about the man who did so much to defend orthodox Christianity and advance the cause of true reform.

Our adventure begins with a walking tour in Geneva's historic old town. We will visit the location where Calvin formed his famous school that was so instrumental in discipling many leaders who then exported

Reformation doctrines to thousands of congregations. We will visit the great Reformation monument to Calvin, Farel, Beza, and Knox, and then tour St. Peter's Cathedral.

The afternoon is at leisure, but in the evening we'll enjoy a cruise on Lake Geneva, complete with a traditional Swiss cheese fondue.



# VERSAILLES

DAY 7  
MAY 8, 2010

## The Greatest Palace in Europe

The great antithesis to the War of American Independence was the French Revolution. The one was a fight of Christian leaders seeking to enforce godly covenants, to defend women and children, and to appeal to a lawful order under God. The other was a rebellion which aspired to dethrone God, to rebel against His law, and to do so through a blood bath.

But it was here at Versailles, home to the “Sun King”

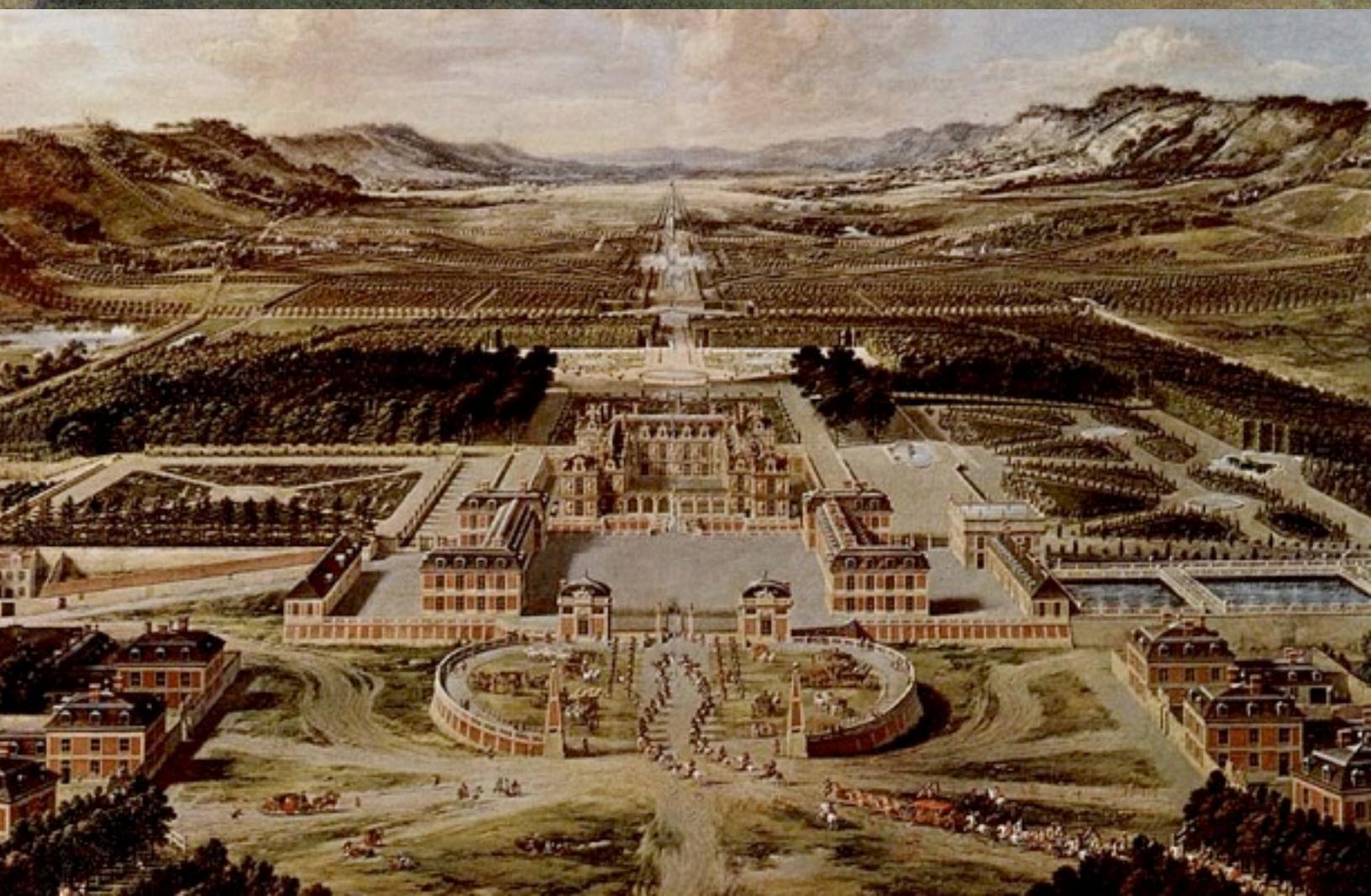
Louis XIV, that the excess and pride and opulent vision of the old pre-revolutionary order was highlighted in bold. About 37,000 acres of land were cleared to make room for tree-lined terraces, walkways, and thousands of

flowering plants. There were 1,400 fountains and 400 pieces of sculpture. More than 36,000 workers were involved in the project, and when the building was completed it could accommodate up to 5,000 people, including servants. About 14,000 soldiers and servants were quartered in annexes and in the nearby town.



While at the Palace, we will tour the immense interior of this

gilded building. We will visit the amazing Hall of Mirrors, Marie Antoinette's retreat—The Queen's Hamlet—and the stunningly beautiful gardens and mazes which bedeck this enormous estate.





# PARIS

DAY 7  
MAY 8, 2010

## An Evening Tour of *La Ville-Lumière*

After a beautiful day in Versailles, you will have an opportunity to check into your hotel and enjoy dining on your own as a family in a city world renowned for its fine cuisine. Later that evening, you may join us for an optional evening tour of the “City of Lights.”

Paris is beautiful in the evening, and we will have a special opportunity to travel by motor coach to some of the most picturesque and illuminated locations including the famous Cathedral of Notre Dame, Place de la Concorde, the Arc de Triomphe, the Trocadero, and much more.

We will be back in time on this evening for you to prepare to leave the continent of Europe for Great Britain the next morning.



# NOYON

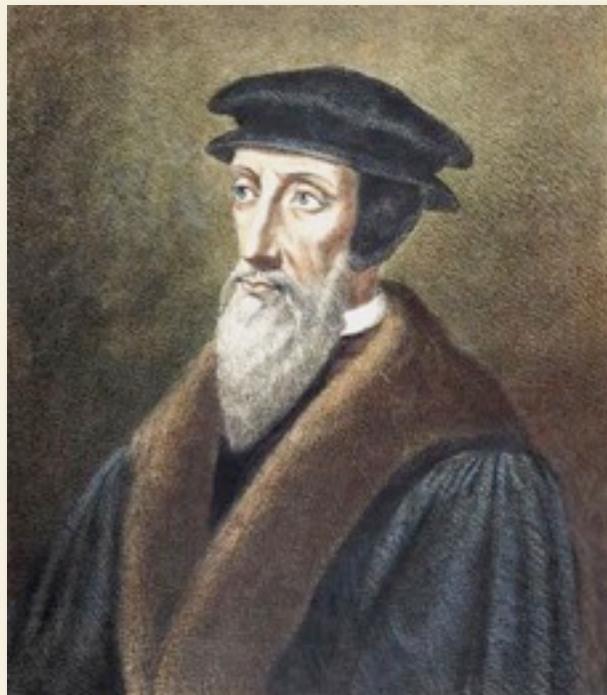
DAY 8  
MAY 9, 2010

## Sabbath Worship by Calvin's Home Sunset Boat Cruise Down the Seine

John Calvin shaped the course of the world in large part through his writings and ministry while in Geneva, but his origins are French, and the place of his birth and childhood is nestled just outside of Paris in the ancient community of Noyon. The city was founded by the Romans and centuries later, in 768, Noyon was the location where the great Charlemagne was crowned Holy Roman Emperor.

But our purpose for visiting Noyon is directly related to John Calvin, who just celebrated his 500th birthday. For Day 8 of our Faith and Freedom Tour, a Sabbath Day, we hope to worship the Lord in the town of Calvin's birth.

We will visit the John Calvin Museum and see artifacts from Calvin's life, as well as original manuscripts and early-edition Bibles owned by Calvin.



That night we return to Paris for an unforgettable sunset tour of the beautiful Seine River through Paris by boat.



# LONDON

DAY 9  
MAY 10, 2010

## The Greatest Museum in the World



When you rise you will be in Paris, but thanks to the great channel-crossing super-train, London is just two-and-a-half hours away.

When we arrive in London, our mission will be to first visit the great Metropolitan Tabernacle of Charles Spurgeon, followed by a visit to the final resting place of many of the most-beloved Reformation heroes of the Faith at Bunhill Graveyard, including John Bunyan, John Gill, and John Owen.

But the *piece de resistance* of our day is a specially-prepared Christian history tour of the greatest museum in the

world, the British Museum. Our unique tour brings the eternal truths of Scripture together with the greatest storehouse of the past since the Library of Alexandria. You will come face to face with artifacts from the court of Nebuchadnezzar, the treasures of ancient Assyria, the wealth of the Persian Empire, the mummies of the Pharaohs, and the Rosetta Stone itself.

We will help you link these artifacts and interpret them in light of their biblical counterpart stories and heroes detailed in the Word of God.







Winston Churchill







# SCROOBY/BOSTON

DAY  
MAY 11, 2010

## A Day of Christian Heroes and Castles



This morning, we will journey from London to the North on a special adventure in search of some of the greatest, yet often unsung, heroes of Christian history. Our journey will take us to gorgeous locations like Tattershall Castle and Grimsthorpe Castle, where famous Reformers stayed and America's founding father Captain John Smith received his military training. We may have an opportunity to experience some hawking and knightly combat.

Next we visit Boston, Ely and Scrooby—the true “Land of the Pilgrims.” In Ely

we see the cathedral and Stained Glass Museum. Oliver Cromwell lived one block from the museum during the Civil War in the 1600s when the Puritans destroyed much of what had been Roman Catholic.

In Scrooby we fulfill a lifetime dream of Doug Phillips by visiting the Pilgrim Separatist Church founded in 1606 by Pastor John Robinson and Elder William Brewster.



Here we honor the memory of the first secret gathering that met by candlelight and suffered imprisonment before fleeing to America by way of Holland.

Finally, we visit historic Boston, home of Puritan leaders John Winthrop and John Cotton, Simon and Anne Bradstreet, and John Foxe, the author of *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*.



# YORK

DAY 11  
MAY 12, 2010

## The Greatest Medieval Fortress City

Day 11 brings us to the walled city of York, arguably the greatest medieval fortress city remaining in Europe. For centuries York was the grandest fortification city for Romans, Vikings, and Normans. In York we will study nearly 2,000 years of history beginning with the Roman conquest and crowning of the controversial Emperor Constantine, who claimed to have received a vision telling him to conquer in the name of Christ.

We will continue our study of civilization, warfare, architecture, and economy as we walk the Roman walls and visit the “Shambles.”

York is also our day to study the Vikings as we visit the Jorvik exhibition and get a real sense of the sights and smells and sounds of life in York, 1,000 years ago. Our tour will take us to the great

Yorkshire Cathedral—the largest Gothic cathedral north of the Alps and a place of worship for over 1,000 years. It is here where Constantine was made Roman emperor. His statue outside the cathedral marks the spot.

Shakespeare fans will enjoy our stop at the Richard III Museum, an exhibition which presents the story of Richard III in the form of a ‘trial’. You can give your verdict when Richard is charged with the murders of the Princes in the Tower.





# SCOTLAND

DAY 12  
MAY 13, 2010

## The Land of Bravehearts & Covenanters

I know of no country with a millennia-plus history as brimming with stories of courage against all odds, nobility in the face of tyranny, and world-influencing Gospel vision, as that of Scotland. It is the land of bravehearts and covenanters. The beauty of Scotland is simply overwhelming. Having set foot in this rich and haunting world, you too will shout “alba gu bra,” and part of your heart will remain here forever.

Our own mission begins after a hearty Scottish breakfast at our favorite hotel in the world, The Caledonian, after which we will trek to St. Andrews, the spiritual capital of Scotland and the place where Scotland’s Reformation began. There we will stand on the ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral which dates back to 1160 A.D., and we will tour the once secret underground tunnels used to defend St.



Andrews Castle. We will visit the principal location for many of Scotland’s battles and peace treaties, even as we study the lives of reformers, martyrs and theologians, including Samuel Rutherford and George Wishart, the latter who was burned at the stake. We will note the marker identifying the place where Wishart was martyred as well as the spot where Patrick Hamilton gave his life for Christ.

Next, we will spend the afternoon exploring Scottish castles and mysterious monoliths left by druids, where we will have an opportunity to experience ancient Scotland at its best.





# BATTLEFIELDS

## In Search of Wallace, Bruce, & the Holy Grail

Today will be a day of epic warfare and unsolved mysteries as we walk in the steps of the mighty William Wallace and Robert the Bruce and relive their great battles of Sterling, Falkirk, and Bannockburn. With our sons and daughters beside us, we will sing the songs of Scotland's bravery and re-enact the battle of Bannockburn. We will visit the remarkable walled city of Stirling and climb the William Wallace Monument. On this location, the great Braveheart fought for the freedom of Scotland. Later the pastor and leader of the Covenanters, William Guthrie, was captured here and shortly after was martyred by Charles II of England.

Our day will conclude with an investigation into the mysteries of the Knights Templar, the Masons in search of the Holy Grail, at the controversial and much acclaimed Rosslyn Chapel (recently popularized in the misguided film, *The Da Vinci Code*). Our Vision Forum history tour guides will present our own perspective on the Templars and the mysteries of the Chapel.





# EDINBURGH

DAY 14  
MAY 15, 2010

## The Covenanters and the Royal Mile



There is no better place to conclude our adventure in Scotland than in the city which has made it famous. Edinburgh is rightly called “The Prince of Cities.” Here the Reformation will unfold with the fiery preaching and heroic leadership of the great John Knox. Here you will be introduced to a city that, for more than one thousand years, has been home to some of the world’s most influential kings and queens, preachers, poets, authors, and architects. Edinburgh is known for many things—its magnificent and impenetrable Castle, the great St. Giles Cathedral, the Queen’s Holyrood Palace, and of course, the Royal Mile.

In Edinburgh you will see St. Giles where Knox preached. He preached from this pulpit with such spirit-led passion that the Scottish people banished Mary, Queen of Scots and established principles of Christian self and civil liberty in the hearts of people.

We will visit the Greyfriars Kirk and Kirkyard where our historians will share the powerful story of the Scottish Covenanters, the Christian martyrs who were persecuted but stood for the truth of the gospel against the most powerful kings of Europe and bequeathed the legacy of Christian liberty to America.





# JOURNEY'S END

DAY 14  
MAY 15, 2010

## An Evening to Remember

To God be the glory! When we reach this day, we will have traveled through five countries and nearly two millennia of the providential history of Christianity and Western Civilization. And one thing will be clear: The very gates of Hell will not prevail against Christ's Bride.

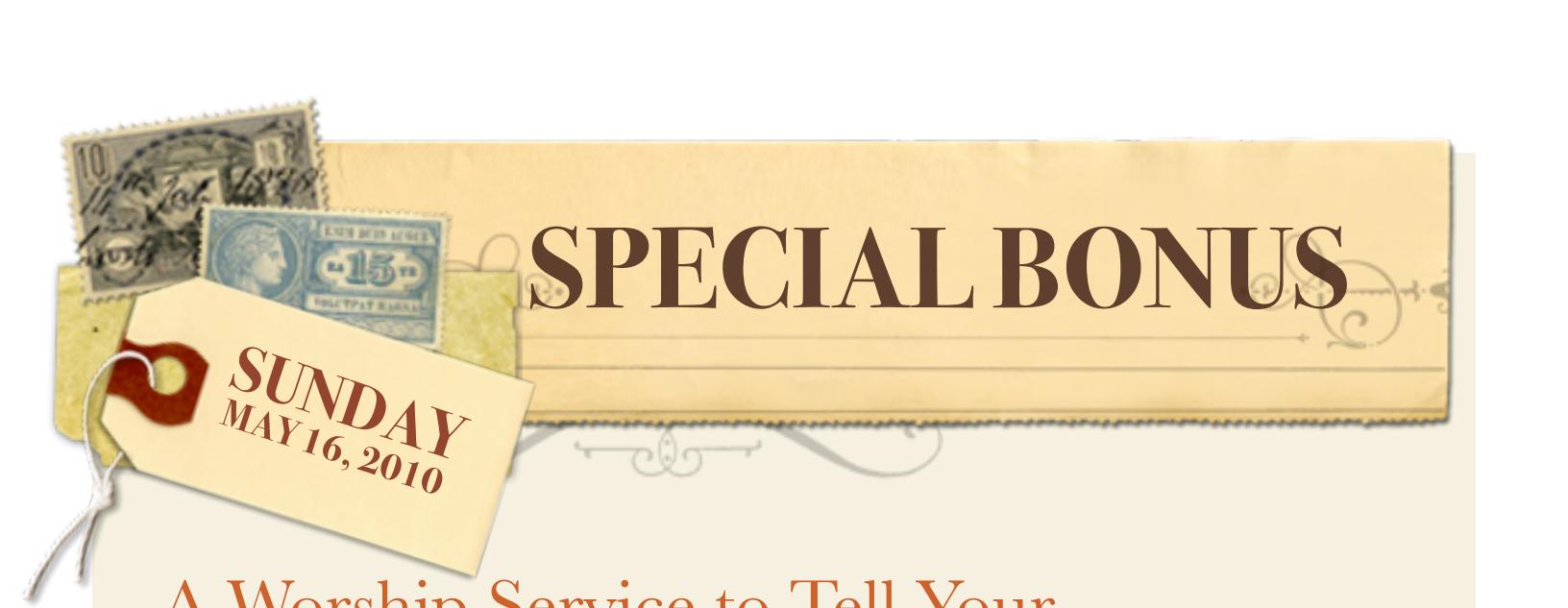
Over the course of this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, our children—by God's grace—will have grown stronger in their faith, their resolves, and their perspective as they have learned from the witness of character patterned by spiritual fathers long-departed from the earth.

And, God willing, one other thing will be true: We will have drawn closer as friends and families. But before we say goodbye, we will enjoy a traditional Robert Burns celebration dinner—complete with poetry, bagpipes, song, and, of course, Scotland's national dish, haggis. It's optional to eat this national delicacy, but if you want a sense of what it's like, take a look at the above image as Beall Phillips takes her very first bite. It's an evening to remember and



a wonderful way to celebrate and give thanks for the goodness of God.





# SPECIAL BONUS

## A Worship Service to Tell Your Great-Grandchildren About

In the same year the Geneva Bible was published, John Knox—having just returned to Scotland from his season with John Calvin in Geneva—led a committee in drafting The Scottish Confession of Faith of 1560. About a half a dozen learned men of God, each with the first name of John, met in Magdalen Chapel in Edinburgh (pictured right), for the historic act. This document would strongly influence the Westminster Confession of Faith and later the London Baptist Confession.

Thirty years ago, a young Joe Morecraft and his bride visited this chapel. Today he will return to Magdalen to bring the Word of God on the Christian Sabbath at one of the most noble locations of our great providential history. (Vision Forum Ministries is in the process of securing this important church building, as the location of our Sabbath worship for those who chose to stay on their own through Sunday.) Following the worship service, we will walk to Greyfriars and conclude with a hymn-sing by the Martyrs' Monument.

### MARTYRS' MONUMENT TEXT

Halt passenger, take heed what you do see, This tomb doth shew, for what some men did die, Here lies interr'd the dust of those who stood 'Gainst perjury, resisting unto blood', Adhering to the Covenants and laws, Establishing the same; which was the cause Their lives were sacrific'd unto the lust Of Prelatist abjur'd; Though here their dust Lies mixt with murderers and other crew, Whom Justice justly did to death pursue: But as for them no case was to be found Worthy of death but only they were found, Constant and steadfast, zealous witnessing, For the Prerogatives of CHRIST their KING, Which Truths were sealed by famous Guthrie's head, And all along to Mr. Renwick's blood, They did endure the wrath of enemies: Reproaches, torments, deaths and injuries, But yet they're those who from such troubles came, And now triumph in glory with the LAMB.



# TRAVEL WITH US BY RAIL





# EXPERIENCE THE CULTURE OF BRAVEHEARTS





RELIVE HISTORY WHERE IT  
ACTUALLY HAPPENED





# EXPLORE CASTLES





# REMEMBER THE MARTYRS



This monument takes record what year this last  
and last death flew for what cause mentioned  
Here lies record the death of those who died  
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Adhering to the Covenant, and lost  
Christianity the time, which was the cause  
These lives were lost d unto the last  
Of Prelates, church. Through here these that  
lived now and then were in the position  
Whom justice

1685 at the Scotch Parliament  
X of the month of June, 1685, in the  
King's Bench, Edinburgh, about an  
hour and a half past twelve o'clock  
The next of these, the last, was  
the execution of the Earl of Argyll  
Duke of Hamilton









# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Total Trip Cost:** \$5,700 per Person

The \$5,700 per person cost of the tour includes the following items:

**Land transportation.** Deluxe air-conditioned motor coaches will be used for transfers in connection with sightseeing for the excursions to Pompeii, Versailles, and Noyon and for travel between London, York, and Edinburgh. Second-class rail transportation will be provided between Rome and Geneva, Geneva and Paris, and Paris and London.

**Accommodations** based on double, triple, and quad rooms with private facilities. The room types allocated to each family party will be determined by the Vision Forum leadership team.

**Meals.** A full buffet breakfast is provided at the hotels each morning. Evening banquet is provided at the hotel in Rome on May 2 and at the hotel in Edinburgh on May 15. A Swiss cheese fondue is provided on the Lake

Geneva cruise on May 7. A restaurant dinner is provided in Paris on May 9. All other meals are independent.

**Tour personnel.** A Witte Travel tour coordinator will be available throughout the tour to assist the Vision Forum leadership team. The group will also have the services of Italian-speaking motor coach drivers in Italy, multi-lingual driver/guides in Switzerland and France, and English-speaking driver/guides in England and Scotland. Local guides will be provided to assist with sightseeing as needed.

**Sightseeing and admission fees** in accordance with the itinerary.

**Porterage** of one suitcase—with a maximum size of 62" (height plus width plus depth) and weight of 50 pounds—per person is included. Porterage is not provided at airports. Each participant may also carry a purse, a camera, and one small piece of hand luggage weighing no



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

more than 15 pounds and measuring 45" (height plus width plus depth). Soft-sided hand luggage is recommended. Wheeled hand luggage is acceptable. The size and weight restrictions conform to most airlines' requirements. The group's luggage will be transported between hotels to arrive in advance of the group. In general, luggage will need to be collected for transport the day prior to the group's departure from each hotel. Specific instructions will be provided during the tour.

**Tipping and taxes** are included for all services included in the tour cost. Tips to the Witte Travel tour coordinator, motor coach drivers, driver/guides and local guides are also included; as are all hotel and local government taxes.

**The tour cost does not include** air transportation, passports, airline luggage fees, optional travel protection plan, including luggage and trip cancellation coverage, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included. Optional travel protection. Witte Travel recommends that each traveler purchase

a complete travel protection package. For your convenience, we make available a travel protection plan offered by Trip Mate. This travel protection can be purchased at any time prior to making the final payment for your tour. The policy exclusion for pre-existing conditions will be waived if your premium is received by Witte Travel within 14 days of the initial deposit for your tour, provided you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay your premium. Tours over 30 days are not eligible for coverage. The premium for the travel protection plan that applies to your tour is noted on the application form. It may be necessary to increase the travel protection premium for those participants who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. The premium for the travel protection plan is non-refundable. The travel protection plan does not cover any travel arrangements not made by or purchased from Witte Travel.

### **Schedule of Coverages and Maximum Benefit Amounts**

- Accidental Death & Dismemberment (\$25,000)



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Accident and Sickness Medical Expense (\$50,000)
- Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation (\$250,000)
- Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation (Trip Cost)
- Post-Departure Trip Interruption (150% of Trip Cost)
- Missed Connection (\$750)
- Travel Delay (Up to \$150 per day) (\$750)
- Baggage/Personal Effects (\$1,500)
- Baggage Delay (\$250)

Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Travel Insurance Certificate. For example, coverage does not apply to any sickness or condition of a Traveling Companion or an Immediate Family member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (this exclusion is waived if your premium is received within 14 days of the initial deposit/payment for your Trip, and you are not disabled from travel at the time your premium is received), suicide, normal pregnancy,

war or any act of war, mental or nervous disorders. A Traveling Companion is defined as a person or persons with whom you have coordinated travel arrangements and intend to travel with during the Trip. Sickness or injury must commence while the travel protection plan is in effect for you. This plan does not cover a loss that results from an illness, disease or condition (of you, an Immediate Family Member, Traveling Companion or Business Partner), event or circumstance that occurs at a time when the plan is not in effect for you. A Travel Insurance Certificate, which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the insurance offered, will be included in the confirmation packet of those travelers who purchase this travel protection. For more information prior to purchase, please visit the Witte Travel website at [www.wittetravel.com](http://www.wittetravel.com). Click on Group Travel and then on Travel Protection. You may also request a copy of the Certificate from our office at any time. This plan is administered by



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United States Fire Insurance Company,  
Eatontown, New Jersey.

**Documentation.** U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. If you already have a passport, check its expiration date now since most foreign countries require that passports be valid for at least three months beyond the traveler's intended return date. If your passport is due to expire shortly after your intended return, you will need to apply for a new one before departure. If you plan to visit countries other than those included in this tour on your own, contact Witte Travel & Tours for any special requirements. We will check the requirements for non-U.S. citizens both at the time they register for the tour and again approximately 45 days prior to departure. Witte Travel & Tours is not responsible for any changes in requirements for non-U.S. citizens that occur after our final check.

**The tour** cost is based on a group of 100 to 140 passengers, current tariffs for air and land arrangements, and on an exchange rate of \$1.45 to €1.00. The cost is subject to adjustment in the event of changes therein.

## **Reservations and payments.**

Reservations for the tour must be made with Vision Forum and confirmed online or via paper application with Witte Travel & Tours. All payments for the tour are to be made to Vision Forum. Payment for flights and pre and post-tour land arrangements with Witte Travel & Tours must be made directly to Witte Travel & Tours via credit card. Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards can be accepted for these charges.

## **Cancellations and refunds.**

Vision Forum must receive notice of cancellation in writing. Penalties are per person and will be based on the date of receipt, as follows:

On or before March 2, 2010 - \$ 2325

March 3 to April 1, 2010 - \$ 2475

On or after April 2, 2010 - No Refund

**Special Meal Requirements.** Please indicate on your application form if you need special meals such as vegetarian, diabetic, gluten-free, or low-sodium. Special meal requests cannot be guaranteed, but we will pass them on to the airlines and hotels. We will also



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inform your tour personnel, who will make every effort to see that your requests are met at the hotels. Witte Travel & Tours must receive requests for special meals at least 45 days prior to departure.

**Time away from the tour.** Advise Witte Travel & Tours in writing at least 45 days before departure if you plan to spend some time away from the tour. Wherever possible, you will be credited for missed hotel nights.

**Final tour documents**—including the final itinerary, hotel list, passenger list, and luggage tags—are sent about 10 days prior to departure. Airline tickets, flight schedules and departure instructions will also be included for those who book their flights with Witte Travel & Tours.

**Responsibility.** As the tour operator, Witte Travel & Tours will be responsible for supplying the services and accommodations outlined in the brochure as constituting the tour; except to the extent that such services cannot be supplied, wholly or partially, owing to circumstances beyond its control. In

such cases, Witte Travel & Tours will use its best efforts to supply alternative services and accommodations, and no refunds will be granted provided that the alternatives are comparable to the original services and accommodations included in the tour cost. Witte Travel & Tours, its agents, sponsors, organizers and employees shall not be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity or expense arising from strikes, weather, sickness, acts of war or terrorism, governmental restrictions or regulations or from any act or omission on the part of any individual or company furnishing transportation, accommodations or any other services to the tour participants; nor shall Witte Travel & Tours be responsible for any injuries, death, damages, loss or delay in any means of transportation or by reason of any event beyond its actual control. Witte Travel & Tours reserves the right to make changes in the tour dates or itinerary routing should circumstances make such necessary. In case of insufficient participation, Witte Travel & Tours may cancel the tour. In the event of



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cancellation of the tour by Witte Travel & Tours, its liability will be limited to a refund in full of all monies paid by the participants. If available, Witte Travel & Tours will offer an alternative trip, which the participants may accept or reject. California Passengers: Witte

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### IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT AIR TRANSPORTATION

Air transportation between the U.S. and Europe is not included in the cost of your tour. If you would like a quote on airfare, contact Cindy Gless - Group Travel Consultant at 866 954-9678 or [cindyG@wittetravel.com](mailto:cindyG@wittetravel.com). After registration, you may also indicate on your application if you would like Witte Travel's assistance in booking your flights. An agent will contact you with schedule options and costs. When you approve flights offered by Witte Travel, you will be asked to provide a credit card against which to charge them. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or cancelled without penalty.



## VISION FORUM

## EUROPE FAITH AND FREEDOM TOUR

May 2 - 16, 2010

## APPLICATION FORM

For office use only

Register online at [www.regonline.com/visionforum](http://www.regonline.com/visionforum) or return this completed form to **Witte Travel & Tours**, 3250 28<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. If more than six members of your family are traveling, complete all sections of one application form and then complete the name section (and the special meal section if needed) of subsequent applications for additional family members. Sign all application forms. Be sure to indicate on the reverse if you choose to purchase or decline the travel protection. If you wish to purchase the travel protection, authorize payment via credit card or attach your check for full payment of the premium made payable to **Witte Travel & Tours**.

**ALL INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED OUT IN ORDER FOR US TO PROCESS THIS APPLICATION**

**IMPORTANT NOTE**-Your passport must be valid for a minimum of three months beyond your intended return date. See "Documentation" in the terms and conditions for more information.

**Print full legal name as it appears on your passport. DO NOT USE INITIALS**

1. Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: U.S.  Other  (indicate country) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

2. Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: U.S.  Other  (indicate country) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

3. Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: U.S.  Other  (indicate country) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

4. Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: U.S.  Other  (indicate country) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

5. Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: U.S.  Other  (indicate country) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

6. Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: U.S.  Other  (indicate country) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PROVIDE ONE ADDRESS FOR ALL FAMILY MEMBERS LISTED ON THIS APPLICATION FORM**

Mailing address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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## AIR TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIAL LAND ARRANGEMENTS

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Indicate if you would like Witte Travel's assistance in booking your flights or if you will be taking care of your own flight arrangements. If you would like our assistance, an agent will contact you with schedule options and costs.

I would like Witte Travel & Tours to book flights for all family members listed on this application. Our departure city is: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking care of my family's flights.

If you need any pre- or post-tour land arrangements—hotels, car rentals, rail, etc., include a separate note detailing your plans and we'll offer our suggestions.

Payment for airline tickets and pre- or post-tour land arrangements must be made directly to Witte Travel by credit card. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or cancelled without penalty. Witte Travel's fee for airline reservations and ticketing is \$50 per ticket.

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## SPECIAL MEAL REQUIREMENTS

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Requests for special meals cannot be guaranteed, but we will pass them on to the airlines and hotels and we will also inform your tour personnel.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Vegetarian  Diabetic  Low Sodium  Gluten free  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Vegetarian  Diabetic  Low Sodium  Gluten free  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Vegetarian  Diabetic  Low Sodium  Gluten free  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

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Witte Travel is authorized to charge any flight and special arrangements and the travel protection if noted below, to the following credit card

Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRAVEL PROTECTION INFORMATION

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Witte Travel & Tours recommends that each traveler purchase a complete travel protection plan. For your convenience, we make available a travel protection plan offered by Trip Mate. This travel protection can be purchased at the time you reconfirm your reservations for the tour with Witte Travel & Tours or at any time before the group's final payment is made to Witte Travel & Tours. See the Terms and Conditions for more information and an outline of the included benefits. The cost of this travel protection is \$215\* per person.

I wish to purchase the travel protection for all family members on this application and

- Authorize Witte Travel & Tours to charge the premium to the credit card listed above
- Have attached a check made payable to Witte Travel & Tours for full payment of the premium

I wish to decline the travel protection.

\*It may be necessary to increase the travel protection premium for those who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements.

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## SIGNATURE

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The following information and signature must be provided in order for us to process this application.

I/We have read and understood this brochure and accept its contents.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_



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2010 History of Christianity & Western Civilization  
European Faith & Freedom Tour

